



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

December 2, 2011

H.R. 2815

A bill to revise the federal charter for the Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc., to reflect a change in eligibility requirements for membership

*As ordered reported by the House Committee on the Judiciary
on November 17, 2011*

H.R. 2815 would amend title 36 of the U.S. Code to expand eligibility for membership in the Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc. The bill would broaden the definition of mother to include a woman who filled the role of stepmother for any period of time in the child's life, foster mother, grandmother, or legal guardian. Also, the bill would remove the eligibility requirement that participants have to be the mothers of military members who served during World War II or the Korean hostilities. Further, eligibility would be expanded to include U.S. citizens who live outside the United States.

Because chartered organizations listed in title 36 are not agencies of the U.S. government and are not conferred federal benefits, CBO estimates that enacting the bill would have no impact on the federal budget. Enacting H.R. 2815 would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

H.R. 2815 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act and would not affect the budgets of state, local, or tribal governments.

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